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In re Patent Application of:

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**APPLICATION FOR PATENT TERM ADJUSTMENT**

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Dear Sir:

According to the Notice of Allowance herein, the patentees are not entitled to any adjustment of patent term. However, applicants believe that they are entitled to an extension due to the failure of the Office to issue a patent within three years of the actual filing date of the present application.

The actual filing date of the present application is 25 October 2000. Although there has been no Request for Continued Examination, and no time consumed by an interference, the imposition of a secrecy order or by review of the Board of Appeals. The Notice of Allowance in this case was mailed only on 22 February 2005. Applicants have not requested any delay in processing of this application.

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